



Patricia Jursik *Update*

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Budget Season Commences

On September 29, the County Executive presented his Recommended 2012 Budget, available at <http://county.milwaukee.gov/FiscalAffairs7904/2012-Recommended-Operating-Bud.htm> . He articulated his goals to maintain services for the most vulnerable, preserve quality of life, pay down debt and not increase taxes.

County Executive Abele indicated his priority to keep transit. He will continue efforts to redesign the mental health system to a community-based model. His budget would restore 18 of 28 positions that were lost as a result of the State's cuts to Child Support Enforcement funding. The Executive will support \$1 million for pretrial screening, known as Universal Screening.

I think the County Executive hit the correct priorities while still holding the line on property taxes, which are too high. Of course, the devil is in the details, and we will spend all of October reviewing. I do not agree with the County Executive's proposal to remove support for Emergency Medical Services. I look forward to a productive budget session in which the Executive works with the Board for the good of Milwaukee County residents.

The Finance & Audit Committee will consider the recommendations and make amendments, beginning on October 10. I will closely follow these budget hearings and offer suggestions. A schedule has been posted to <http://county.milwaukee.gov/CountyBudgetHearings> and may be updated as needed. You are welcome to attend budget hearings in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse or listen to live hearings online at <http://media.county.milwaukee.gov/room203r> .

I would like to know your thoughts on funding services in the 2012 Budget. The County Board will hold a public hearing on the budget on Monday, October 31, at 7 p.m. at the Washington Park Senior Center (4420 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee). You may also contact me at (414) 278-4231 or patricia.jursik@milwcnty.com to make your voice heard.

Transit

The Milwaukee County Transit System has been dealt a 10% (\$6.8 million) cut in State funding. This forced the system to propose service cuts that would have hurt our South Shore.

Many South Shore constituents testified about the impact of initial proposed cuts at a September 13 meeting at Cudahy Library. Hearing the concerns of residents and businesses loud and clear, I urged our County Executive to preserve Route 15, Flyer

and paratransit service.

I am relieved that County Executive Abele's proposed budget does not eliminate Freeway Flyers. I will be investigating how his proposed Express Route 15 would impact current service. I am hopeful that our County is able to secure federal funding during the month of October which would allow us to preserve service.

The 2012 Executive Budget relies on various sources of federal money as well as health care efficiencies that must be studied for liability issues. However, if the federal monies do not materialize, the County Executive has recommended relying on initial proposals (elimination of Freeway Flyers and restructuring of Route 15).

The County Executive's version of the budget will preserve County-wide paratransit van service for County residents who are elderly or have a disability that prevents them from using the bus. However, budget pressures have led the County Executive to recommend a paratransit fare increase from \$3.25 to \$4.50.



Attendees and panelists expressed concern about Milwaukee County's bus system September 13 at Cudahy Family Library.

Emergency Medical Service

The County Executive's Recommended 2012 Budget would eliminate the \$3 million subsidy to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) partnership with the municipalities.

This would hurt our South Shore district. The EMS program allows South Milwaukee to serve its own residents and Cudahy residents. Without the subsidy, that city will not be able to provide EMS services. The City of Milwaukee currently provides EMS service to St. Francis which would also be eliminated if the County Executive's proposal is adopted. Oak Creek stands to lose EMS funds from the County as well.

Family Care

The State has imposed an enrollment cap on Family Care. This program has allowed frail elderly citizens as well as residents with physical or developmental disabilities to receive care and live independently in the community since 2002. Family Care saves money by avoiding more costly nursing home care. Unfortunately, the State has now created a waiting list.

The problem in our community arises from the fact that our County tested a pilot program. Because it was successful, many nursing home beds were lost since individuals could use program money on less costly alternatives such as assisted living. Now, with waiting lists in Family Care, individuals are forced to go into nursing homes

on Title 19, but many of these beds are now gone.

Behavioral Health

I successfully introduced an amendment to a proposal for replacing Milwaukee County's mental health facility at the medical complex on Watertown Plank Road with a downsized facility. I was concerned that legislation offered by the New Behavioral Health Facility Study Committee primarily focused on constructing a new building. The treatment of patients and mental health redesign should drive the discussion, not the construction of a building.

My amendment directs the Interim Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to explore appropriate alternatives to the County owning a mental health facility. The Committee itself had initially recommended public/private partnerships. These should be considered along with leasing or build/lease options. Care provided in the current facility is ineligible for federal reimbursement, so we should consider care alternatives that qualify for reimbursement.

The South Shore Option

Presentations from the South Shore Forum for Economic Development are now available on my County webpage. If you did not get a chance to attend, you can review the materials here:
<http://county.milwaukee.gov/D8/SouthShoreOption.htm>



College Avenue

In September, I toured and inspected ongoing work on College Avenue with the contractor-engineer supervising this project. The College Avenue rebuild is scheduled for completion on November 18. The underpass will feature four murals depicting aviation history. They are very nice and the picture at right gives you a glimpse of this work.



Photo courtesy The Daily Reporter

War Memorial Audit

Milwaukee County's Department of Audit released an enlightening report evaluating the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center. In 2010, I had authored a resolution requesting this facility and space needs audit in light of concern over needed repairs and upgrades of the structure.

The report revealed water infiltration and moisture-related problems; parking collection issues; and an antiquated governance structure. The report is available here:
<http://county.milwaukee.gov/AuditReports2002tocu7878.htm>. The County Board will take up the audit recommendations including possible plans for restructuring how maintenance is handled.

Hoan Bridge / Lakefront Planning

The Long-Range Lakefront Planning Committee has released recommendations for redevelopment of Milwaukee's lakefront. The report is available here:
<http://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=973945&GUID=395FA9C0-7D37-4622-B666-A71AA039CD4F&Options=&Search=>

Community Calendar

October 4 and 6 –Yoga and NIA (No Impact Aerobics) classes begin

Visit Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy, or call 481-9611 for details and to register in advance.

Thursday, October 6 – Asset Protection, Estate and Funeral Trusts Workshop, 10-11am

At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. Please register in advance at 481-9611.

Thursday, October 6 – Jali Kunda at South Milwaukee Downtown Market, 5:30-7pm

FREE. Enjoy West African strings, percussion and storytelling at 10th & Milwaukee Avenues, South Milwaukee. Sponsored by South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center.

www.southmilwaukeekeepac.org/summer-jalikunda.html . The Downtown Market itself runs from 3-7pm each Thursday through October 13.

Saturday, October 8 – Cudahy Fall Festival, 1-8pm

Enjoy food, fun, games and music at General Mitchell School, Ramsey and Illinois Avenue. A full schedule is available here: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=118109064961128>

Tuesday, October 11 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 571-1191

Thursday, October 13 – Grant Park Watch meeting, 6:30pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-7262 www.fogp.org

Thursday, October 13 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm (following Park Watch)

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-0612 www.fogp.org

Thursday, October 13 – Fall Family Festival at South Milwaukee Downtown Market, 3-7pm

FREE. Pumpkin decorating, apple bobbing, trick-or-treating, a vendor costume competition and even a tamale eating contest at the last Downtown Market of the season. At 10th & Milwaukee Avenues, South Milwaukee.

Thursday, October 13 – Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, 7-9:30pm

Support South Milwaukee Public Library while sampling wine and enjoying celtic music by the Garlic Mustard Pickers. Purchase \$20 tickets at the Library Circulation Desk, Parkway Floral or at the door on the night of the tasting. Silent auction items will be available for bidding through Saturday, October 15. At South Milwaukee Public Library, 1907 10th Av, South Milwaukee.

www.southmilwaukee.org/library

Saturday, October 15 – Fall Watercourse Cleanup, 8am-Noon

Meet at South Milwaukee High School parking lot to receive vests, gloves, bags and water. This cleanup will address the Oak Creek Watercourse from N. Chicago Av. west to Rawson Av. Lunch will be provided at the Warming House by FOMP.

Saturday, October 15 – Community Health Fair, 11am-1pm

At Cudahy High School; please enter through the main (Lake Drive) entrance. Sponsored by the South Shore YMCA Community Development Committee.

Tuesday, October 18 – South Milwaukee Goes Pink

Celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Day with the City of South Milwaukee. Details are posted here: <http://www.sdsm.k12.wi.us/>

Wednesday, October 19 – Resource Fair, 10am-2pm

Enjoy a variety of health, education and leisure booths. Participate in hearing and blood pressure screenings. The Visiting Nurses Association will deliver flu (\$30) and pneumonia (\$65) shots as part of the Shoo the Flu Clinic. At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy, 481-9611.

Friday, October 21 – Harvest Tasting, 7-10:30pm

Help raise funds for Cudahy Family Library and partake in a novel evening of distinguished wines, craft beers, specialty soft drinks and delicious hors d'oeuvres. Be entertained by

Milwaukee's own comedian and radio show host Jane Matenaer. At the Cudahy Family after hours, 3500 Library Dr, Cudahy. Tickets are now on sale at the Library. www.cudahyfamilylibrary.org or 769-2244

Saturday, October 22 – Buckthorn and Invasive Honeysuckles Weed-out, 9am-Noon & 1-4pm

Help clear buckthorn (for those age 18+) and other woody stem invasives. Bring eye protection (safety glasses or goggles) and a pair of loppers (anvil style) or pruning shears if you have either. Meet at the Area 1 parking lot (by the tennis courts) in Grant Park. Please RSVP to Don Lawson at 764-0612 so that he can prepare sufficient herbicide bottles.

Saturday, October 22 – Sheridan Shelter & Grounds Autumn Cleanup, 10am-Noon

Help with bulbs and clean up brush and trash. Take a break with autumnal refreshments and good company. Meet at [Sheridan Shelter Area 1](#), at the east end of Layton Avenue in Cudahy. Sponsored by Sheridan Park Friends.

Saturday, October 22 – South Shore Noon Lions Chili Dinner, 4-6:30pm

Adults enjoy chili with fixings, dessert and non-alcoholic beverage for \$7 to benefit community groups. Purchase tickets at the door, from a Noon Lion or by calling 762-5349. At Grobschmidt Senior Center, 2424 15th Av, South Milwaukee.

Wednesday, October 26 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm

At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

Saturday, October 29 – Buckthorn and Invasive Honeysuckles Weed-out, 9am-Noon & 1-4pm

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Saturday, October 29 –Open House at the Depot, 10am-Noon

Visit Cudahy's old railroad depot and learn about the immigrant families that built this area. 4647 S. Kinnickinnic Av, Cudahy. www.cudahyhistoricalsociety.net/Default.aspx

Sunday, October 30 –South Milwaukee Trick or Treat, 2-4pm

Sunday, October 30 – Cudahy Trick or Trick, will be confirmed by Common Council on October 4; please visit www.cudahy-wi.gov for details

To be announced – St. Francis Trick or Treat; please call 481-2300

Sunday, October 30 – Oak Creek Trick or Treat, 4-6pm

Monday, October 31 – County Board Public Hearing, 7pm

At Washington Park Senior Center (4420 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee).